

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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HAROLD EDWARDS,  
Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM HUTCHINGS,  
Defendants.

Case No. 2:20-cv-02036-GMN-EJY

**ORDER**

**I. DISCUSSION**

On November 4, 2020, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF No. 1-1). Plaintiff has neither paid the full \$400 filing fee for this matter nor filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to commence a civil action may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis*, which allows the inmate to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$400 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

- (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, on this Court’s approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate’s two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court’s approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**.

The Court grants Plaintiff a **one-time** extension to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents, or in the alternative, pay the full \$400 filing fee for this action on or before **January 11, 2021**. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time.

1 If Plaintiff is unable to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all  
 2 three required documents or pay the full \$400 filing fee on or before **January 11, 2021**, this case  
 3 will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when  
 4 Plaintiff is either able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application  
 5 to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$400 filing fee.

6 A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case  
 7 with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit  
 8 with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file an  
 9 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the full filing fee of \$400 on or before  
 10 **January 11, 2021** to proceed with this case.

11 The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court will not  
 12 file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application to proceed *in*  
 13 *forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$400 filing fee.

## 14 **II. CONCLUSION**

15 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall send  
 16 Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the  
 17 document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **January 11, 2021**, Plaintiff shall either pay  
 19 the full \$400 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$50  
 20 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

21 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this Court's  
 22 approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two signatures on page  
 23 3),

24 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official  
 25 (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

26 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous**  
 27 **six-month period.**  
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete application to  
2 proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$400 filing fee for a civil action  
3 on or before **January 11, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff  
4 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents  
5 needed to file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or or is able to pay the filing fee.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall retain the complaint (ECF  
7 No.1-1) but shall not file it at this time.

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9 Dated this 12th day of November, 2020

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13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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